



SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1894.

Commencement Exercises

Hartshorn Memorial College closed a very successful year with its commencement exercises which began May 11th, and ended May 17th, 1894.

The first exercise was competitive readings and recitations, for two gold medals.

The annual sermon, delivered by the President Prof. L. B. Tefft, Sunday May 13th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. was an able and instructive discourse. Text, "Be our Epistles, written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

On Wednesday evening the graduation exercises of the Normal class took place.

Long before the opening hour the room was packed to overflowing with friends of the school. At 8 o'clock the students led by the graduates marched into the chapel to the sound of music, the latter taking their places on the rostrum.

The exercises opened with an anthem by the college choir. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Mitchell of Farmville. Then the following essays, interspersed with music, were presented: Is Labor a blessing or a curse? Miss Martha Lee; Ambition for Excellence, Miss Ada F. Edwards; Woman's Influence for Good or Ill, Miss Lizzie Cole; The Work of the Country Teacher, Miss Mattie McDaniel; Temptations and Blessings of Poverty, Miss Lettie E. Watkins; Great Possibilities; Great Responsibilities, Miss Sallie M. Baker. The essays demonstrated the fact that the young women had been trained to use their own minds. The productions were very creditable.

In conferring the diplomas the President impressed on the graduates the importance of reading and thinking in order to grow strong intellectually.

After the prizes had been awarded, the choir and the graduates sang their farewell song.

The exercises concluded with the supper for the Alumnae Association at 5 o'clock P. M. Thursday, and the annual address before that body, at 8 o'clock P. M., by Hon. J. H. Smyth of Washington.

The subject of Mr. Smyth's address was "Wise Advice, Wise Experience." It treated of the influence which women will exert on the future development of the race. It was a masterpiece of composition, showing careful research and vigorous thought.

Each alumna was presented with a copy of the address, which will be preserved as a souvenir of the occasion.

The Alumnae History was read by Miss M. S. Dole, and Miss Mary M. Rice recited "Vashti" in a commendable and pleasing manner.

The music which is always a feature of H. M. C., was carefully prepared for these exercises, and consisted of selections from some of the best composers.

Prof. Tefft should feel proud and encouraged by the work done by the school during the past year, and by the impressions made by the students in these exercises.

BENJAMIN GRIFFITH. Biographical Sketches Contributed by Friends. Edited by Col. Chas. H. Banes, A. M. 12mo, 296 pp. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

It is only saying what all know, that for the past twenty-five years one of the most prominent men in the Baptist denomination was Benjamin Griffith, the honored Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society. His counsel was always sought; his presence was valued and his judgment respected. His management of his great trust has been so conspicuous for integrity and success, and his loyalty to all the interests of the denomination with which he was connected was so marked and well understood that no one was more welcome to the platforms of his great gatherings than he was.

When in October last he suddenly laid down his work and went home, more than one thought of a worthy representation of his life and work, and of the cause he served. This has been secured in the volume hereby noticed. Dr. Griffith's successor, Col. Chas. H. Banes, was fittingly requested to act as editor, and various parties were chosen by him to write the different chapters, according to their acquaintance with Dr. Griffith and his work fitted them to do. Dr. Sarles, a college mate, writes of Student Life. Dr. Blackwell of his great work, the Publication Society. Dr. Henson of him as an Organizer and on the platform. Prof. Williams writes of his Life in the Home and in the Church. Dr. Weston of his Denominational Relations, and Dr. Rowland of the Fruition that crowned his life, with others on themes equally important; while the editor gives the introduction and the story of Dr. Griffith's Boyhood.

There is much in Dr. Griffith's life, which quiet and uniform as it was, will repay perusal. It shows how industry and determination and faith in God can make of life a great success. It shows how from small beginnings great harvests may be reaped; how a friendless boy may become an honored man; how a devoted man, though heavily laden in one direction, may, if he will, serve in many spheres. It shows how one may keep young though the years multiply, and shows how, though honors increase, simplicity of character and gentleness and friendliness of manner may be preserved intact. Teaching those lessons this book will be helpful to its readers as it is a worthy tribute to a consecrated Christian man. Editor and writers and publishers have done their work well, and the volume will receive a warm welcome from all.

Removal Notice.

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THE HUB.

Boston, Mass., May 24, '94. President Brown of the true Reformers is in the city for the purpose of organizing several new fountains. Mr. Herbert Bell, formerly a member of the police force has opened a grocery store with a fourth class license. Mr. Charles E. Odell formerly of the Hotel Brunswick has been engaged as a clerk in the establishment.

Mr. Belt resigned from the force about six months ago. He was then the only representative of our race on the force.

Rev. Peter Smith delivered the Annual Sermon to the Daughters of Mt. Zion on last Sunday evening at St. Paul Church. His text was from Rev. 14:1. This order was first organized by the Sons and Daughters of Mt. Zion, but owing to friction the Sons were put out. The order is quite young having but 25 members who have made great progress having to the credit of the Bank over \$400, and has lost but one member. The attendance of the sermon was very small owing possibly to the weather. The Rev. Smith caused much laughter by one of his droll sayings, (for which he is quite noted) which was a comparison of the Baptists and the temple on a rainy day told by his father when he was living.

We are having a perfect stream of good artists. The Black Patti at the Peoples Church on the 28th with a fine array of noted artists and the croole Patti at Charles Street Church on the 31st and 1st of June have been and will be well attended. It appears to our mind that with the present state of affairs in a few years our colored churches will be compelled to write for their own support as there will not be enough in all of their congregations to support one good church which is almost the case now. We cannot see so much attraction in a white church that one has to leave the race for the privilege of sitting in a church with the white people for that is what lowers the race and effectually kills our ministry, if the sentiments of a white minister of Cambridge, which was quoted sometime ago is true.

The entertainment given at Joy St. Church on the 17th by the Missionary Society was well attended also quite a success. The young people who did the entertaining received much applause for their efforts.

The testimonial concert tendered to Mrs. Alice Tibbous of the Boston Training school of music by her pupils and friends was also a grand success. We only sold 5 prize tickets last week but we have a promise of many more for the next two weeks. This is a good time to get the paper cheap for two months by buying one of these tickets. No other race paper will sell to you their paper at 25 cents for two months. We have a large number of these tickets which we would like to see throughout Massachusetts. Call at 30 Phillips St., and get one.

T. C. G.

School Closing.

CLIFTON FORGE, Va., May 7, '94. At 7:30 o'clock, Monday evening, the patrons and friends assembled in the First Baptist Church to witness the closing exercises of Mrs. C. G. Sellers School. The progress of pupils in their studies were satisfactory. The teachers were congratulated. The program was interspersed with vocal music accompanied on the organ. The paper of the School was read by Miss Ella Fox with credit to herself and satisfaction of the audience. The teachers were unanimously invited back another year to take charge of the same school.

J. A. D.

NEWS ACROSS THE RIVER.

Rev. J. T. Russell assisted by Dea. S. W. Hall, baptized on last Sabbath morning nine candidates near Major Walker's Park better known as the "Glen" a very large gathering was present to witness the scene.

Rev. Oscar Johnson of Providence, R. I. preached an excellent sermon for Dr. Bing's congregation on last Sabbath morning.

Mr. R. A. Hughes addressed the Y. M. C. A. on last Sabbath evening on a subject: "Who to Lead."

Mr. V. P. Moon of Improving, after a very serious and protracted illness. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. A. Bing, Jr., D. D., will address the Y. M. C. A. on next Sabbath evening at 5 o'clock upon a very practical subject of the day.

Following are the Delegates that has been elected by the various Lodges to the annual session of the G. L., that will meet in Richmond, Va., next month, Brethren:—Q. W. Moon, N. E. Johnson, Robt. Flewling, J. T. Hickman, Adam Harris; Hatcher Lodge, No. 302—Elizabeth Harris, Eliza Bailey, Sharon Lodge, No. 92—Mrs. J. E. Connel, M. Allen Turner, Robinett Cogbill, Mary Johnson. We will report for Robinson Lodge, Hopson and Williams Lodge next issue.

In the near future a night school will be opened at the Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of the old and young men who are unable to attend the public school.

Mrs. Martha Gaseaway left the city on last Friday for New York.

President W. H. Hatcher of the Sunday School Union is arranging for a concert for the benefit of the G. L. We wish him a success.

Miss Leola A. Johnson is yet detained at home by sickness.

The meeting house of the First Baptist Church for the summer season are as follows: Sunday School 9 o'clock A. M. Morning 11 A. M. Evening 7:30 P. M. Night 8 o'clock.

Miss Ellen Banks left for Norfolk last week to visit her relatives.

LYNCHED FOR WRITING A NOTE.

Brutal Lynchers Dastardly Crime. WACO, TEXAS, May 9.—A dispatch received here last night states that the colored man who addressed a note to a young lady of the West was placed in jail there at 9:30 o'clock last night. Masked men broke the jail door down, took the colored man out. While the rope was being made ready the colored man ran, but was shot and mortally wounded. Sheriff Burke has left to investigate the murder.

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1st. Prize—Silk dress made to order or equivalent.

2nd. Prize—Gold Ring.

To the head officer in any secret organization—Mason, Odd Fellows, Pythian, St. Luke, Samaritan, and others—we will give who receives the highest number of votes the following prizes:

1st. Prize—Gold medal with emblem of the Order thereon.

2nd. Prize—Silk hat or equivalent.

The voting will commence with this issue and end with the prize contest, Nov. 15th.

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THE PRIZE CONTEST.

The List of the Workers—Persons Who Are Sure of Prizes—When the Friendly Fight Will End—Lively Canvassing.

The Prize Ticket Contest is awakening a widespread interest. We publish a list of those who hold tickets, together with the number which they have received. This publication will be continued from week to week.

Every person who sells twenty prize tickets will receive a prize, so if you have disposed of that number you are sure.

The ten highest will each receive in addition to the one given for the number of tickets sold. The contest will continue thirty weeks, ending Nov. 15, '94 so each person will have an opportunity to win from a gold ring to a gold watch, from a bedroom set to a parlor suite. Five hundred dollars worth of prizes will be distributed. Here are the ticket-sellers and the number of tickets they have secured at the office.

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| 1. John L. Mines, | 40 |
| 2. Reuben Mitchell, | 10 |
| 3. Edward Hall, | 10 |
| 4. W. E. Taylor, | 10 |
| 5. Junius F. Walker, | 20 |
| 6. Miss Nannie O. Daniel, | 10 |
| 7. Mrs. Charlotte Dabney, | 30 |
| 8. Trenton Blake, | 10 |
| 9. Miss L. L. Stevens, | 10 |
| 10. Lucy P. Gatewood, | 10 |
| 11. Miss Elizabeth L. Jordan, | 10 |
| 12. Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, | 40 |
| 13. John T. Bell, | 10 |
| 14. R. C. Council, | 10 |
| 15. J. C. Randolph, | 80 |
| 16. Miss Sarah Epps, | 20 |
| 17. Miss Peggy Randolph, | 20 |
| 18. R. J. Bass, | 10 |
| 19. James H. Binford, | 31 |
| 20. Mrs. H. C. Robinson, | 10 |
| 21. Sarah J. Brown, | 20 |
| 22. J. S. Gardner, | 10 |
| 23. R. A. Jackson, | 18 |
| 24. Thomas S. Hucless, | 10 |
| 25. Mrs. Thomas Briggs, | 55 |
| 26. Miss M. L. Chiles, | 55 |
| 27. Mrs. Wm. Monroe, | 30 |
| 28. Miss Elvora Taylor, | 30 |
| 29. Miss M. L. Butler, | 10 |
| 30. J. H. Jackson, | 10 |
| 31. Mrs. Alex Gordon, | 10 |
| 32. W. J. Wells, | 10 |
| 33. Mrs. Dr. S. B. Hill, | 10 |
| 34. Miss L. Ruby Crawford, | 20 |
| 35. Charles Primus, | 10 |
| 36. M. L. Jones, | 10 |
| 37. Charles Godwin, | 10 |
| 38. R. A. Wilson, | 40 |
| 39. Mrs. John T. Carpenter, | 40 |
| 40. Mrs. M. Chamberlayne, | 20 |
| 41. E. C. F. Angel, | 10 |
| 42. J. F. Angel, | 100 |
| 43. John W. Robinson, | 10 |
| 44. James M. Harrison, | 10 |
| 45. Mrs. Maria Jackson, | 20 |
| 46. Mrs. M. V. Chase, | 10 |
| 47. Jerry M. Thompsons, | 20 |
| 48. Miss T. A. F. Whiting, | 10 |
| 49. Mrs. R. N. Lumpkins, | 110 |
| 50. Mrs. M. E. Payne, | 10 |
| 51. Mrs. Lucy G. Lewis, | 10 |
| 52. Miss Mary B. Holmes, | 10 |
| 53. Ben M. Smith, | 10 |
| 54. Willis Cunningham, | 10 |
| 55. Miss Ella Hill, | 10 |
| 56. W. W. Manns, | 10 |
| 57. J. D. Bland, | 10 |
| 58. Miss Janet Taylor, | 10 |
| 59. Mrs. Rachel W. Farrar, | 10 |
| 60. T. C. Glover, | 10 |
| 61. Mrs. Martha Johnson, | 20 |
| 62. Miss Maria A. Jones, | 20 |
| 63. Mrs. Mary J. Cary, | 20 |
| 64. Mrs. Hannah Johnson, | 20 |
| 65. John N. Elliot, | 40 |
| 66. L. G. Gilmer, | 40 |
| 67. Dr. G. A. Thompson, | 20 |
| 68. David B. Allen, | 10 |
| 69. Miss Rosa Hunt, | 10 |
| 70. Henry Omohundro, | 20 |
| 71. Miss Lizzie B. Woolridge, | 20 |
| 72. Mrs. J. M. Farley, | 10 |
| 73. Miss Nannie Pollard, | 10 |
| 74. Mrs. Susan Wallace, | 30 |
| 75. Thos. Kinard, | 10 |
| 76. Miss Mary D. Cousins, | 30 |
| 77. W. R. Patterson, | 25 |
| 78. Miss Ella Scott, | 10 |
| 79. Allen Lewis, | 10 |
| 80. Miss Mary Carey, | 25 |
| 81. Clarence Parrish, | 10 |
| 82. M. F. Jones, | 10 |
| 83. Miss Ella Wyatt, | 10 |

A COLORED MAN LYNCHED.

Charged With a Heinous Crime.

ARLINGTON, GA., May 22.—Evening the fourteen-year-old son of Washington Smith near here, while returning from school, was assaulted and killed by a colored man. The deceased, a white man, was a despatcher, and was carrying a pistol over his head. Smith, the father, came up and back, the colored man fired bullets into his body and the neighbors found the father insensible on the road. They took them home. Smith died Monday morning, and the day not expected to live. Sheriff captured the man Sunday placed him under strong guard in the county jail. At 3 yesterday morning, an armed party of seven men stormed the jail and freed the man. He was taken to the public square, hung and fired fifty three hundred bullets into his body.

—Rev. J. H. Turner of E. Green, Va., called on us this week.

—Dr. J. H. Shepherd, the only colored Hypnotist, Lecturer and Operator on Psychology and Phrenology will give a series of entertainments in city.

JETER—Died May 17th at his residence 501 N. 13th St., William Jeter the 52nd year of his age. He was a devoted wife and six loving children mourn their loss. He has been for years a consistent member of the N. St. Baptist Church.

Oh beautiful rest for the weary, Under the soft folds of the true, Lying so peacefully ever, Under the sunlight and dew, Floats through our hearts a quiver.

Like breath of a whisper sweet "He giveth to his beloved— And father has fallen asleep—"

Funeral from Fifth St. Baptist Church Sunday morning May 20, 1894 at 10 A. M.

WIFE AND CHILD.

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